

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Niagara, La Have Bank, 7000 lbs. cod.
1000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Appomattox, shore, 1000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Senator, Bay of Islands, N. F., 50,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Judique, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.
Sch. Kernwood, shore.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.
Sch. Livonia, shore.
Sch. Two Forty, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Genesta, 4000 haddock, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Mary Cabral, 3000 haddock, 5000 cod, 100 pollock.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake, 100 pollock.
Sch. Maude F. Silva, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 pollock.
Sch. Etta Mildred, 2000 haddock, 700 cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 5500 haddock, 1400 cod, 100 hake, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 5000 haddock, 300 cod, 200 pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5500 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Viking, 5000 haddock, 6000 hake.
Sch. Flora Sears, 3000 haddock, 100 cod, 100 hake.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 100 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 6000 haddock, 600 cod, 10,000 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. Juniata, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Tecumseh.
Sch. Selma, 3000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sdh. Pythian, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 300 hake, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 3000 haddock, 500 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 2000 hake.
Sch. Seacornett, 3000 haddock, 600 cod, 1200 hake, 400 pollock.
Sch. Yankee, 500 haddock, 7500 cod.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 1500 haddock, 400 cod, 100 hake.
Sch. Rapidan, 1200 haddock, 400 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 4500 haddock.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 200 cod, 300 hake.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1.50 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Millville, from Lanesville, arrived at Philadelphia, yesterday.

Frozen Herring at Boston.

The old sch. Smith Tuttle arrived at Boston yesterday from Boothbay with 700 barrels of frozen herring.

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Sch. Columbia arrived at Halifax on Monday.

Provincetown Notes.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason landed a small trip of fresh fish at this port Thursday morning, the trip being purchased by Mr. W. J. Cook.

Capt. William J. Corey has purchased an entire interest in the sloop Lear C.

Sloop Bessie will be commanded by Capt. Joseph Davis, Capt. Merchand selling out his interest.

SCH. SENATOR'S COD.

These Fancy Fish Sell at a Fancy Figure.

Slade Gorton & Co. Pay \$5.12 1-2 Per Hundred Weight.

The fare of salt cod of sch. Senator sold to Slade Gorton & Co. at \$5 12 1-2 per hundred weight. The price is believed to be nearly if not the highest ever paid for salt cod other than Georges or shore fish.

The trip is certainly an exceptional one. It was caught at the Bay of Islands, N. F., being taken in the arms and in other parts of the bay, inside of Weebald. Only the lack of salt prevented Capt. Greenleaf from having a larger fare, he not having a very large supply, as the vessel was really on a halibut trip.

Knowing that the fleet was finding halibut scarce, and finding codfish plentiful there, he decided to get a trip, knowing that they would bring a good price. The fish are all large and white and the napes are all scraped. The men of the Senator say that the fish are among the largest ever caught.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

Trade the past week has been quiet, as is expected at this time of the year. The demand for smoked bloaters has fallen off, although trade in them is still fair.

Fish of all kinds are in lighter receipts.

The receipts at this port for the week ending Dec. 17 are

120,000 lbs. salt cod.
29,000 lbs. fresh cod.
34,000 lbs. hake.
23,000 lbs. cusk.
9000 lbs. haddock.
140 bbls. frozen herring.
7400 bbls. salt herring.
2400 lbs. halibut.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.90	5.50
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	5.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	4.75
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.25	4.00
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	4.00	4.75
Medium trawl bank cod	3.50	4.25
Large dory handline cod		4.75
Medium do.		4.25

Fresh Fish from Vessel (To Split.)

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
Cusk	1.50	2.00
Eastern Haddock	1.00	1.15
Western Haddock	1.15	1.20
Eastern Hake	.90	1.00
Western hake,	.95	1.00
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 6 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 14 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 10 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 14 cts. and 10 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Newfoundland salt herring \$3.50 per bbl.
Bay of Islands, N. F., trawl salt cod, \$5 1-8 per cwt.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod \$7.50 to 8.00 per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod 6.50

Cured large Bank cod	6.50
Cured Medium Bank cod	6.00
Kench cured large Bank cod	6.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	6.50
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.25
Cured haddock	4.00
Heavy salted pollock	2.75
English cured pollock	3.75
Large handline bank	6.25
Medium handline bank	5.75

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$18	per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	20	per bbl.
Shore bloaters	22	per bbl.
Nova Scotias	13.50	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15	per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34	per bbl.
Norway 1s	27	per bbl.
Norway 2s	19	per bbl.
New Irish	12.50 to 13	per bbl.

HERRING NEWS.

Herring Still Plentiful at the Bay of Islands.

Not Frost Enough Yet To Freeze Them Suitable for Market.

A report from Bay of Islands under date of December 12 states that herring are very plentiful, the most of the fish being in the Middle Arm, while there are none in the North Arm. The weather has been very stormy and there has not as yet been frost enough to freeze herring.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty is loading salt herring and has over 700 barrels.

No encouraging reports of herring have been received from Placentia Bay.

But little if anything has been heard from the herring fleet the past week, which is taken as an indication that there has been no frost.

The receipts of salt herring at this port thus far this season aggregates 57,000 barrels.

A dispatch received here lately states that the first frost of the season at Bay of Islands, N. F., came Wednesday night.

Portland.

The fishing sch. Hockamock has stocked \$2000 in the past three weeks.

Schs. Hockamock and Mabel Bryson, and sloops Sarah A., and Ocean Belle were at Portland yesterday.

HERRING NEWS.

Bad Weather Recently at Bay of Islands.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of last Wednesday has the following herring news:

"This fishery still continues good in Bay of Islands, and the salt bulk voyage is being prosecuted with unabated vigor. There is a large fleet of vessels in the Bay awaiting cargoes, but the weather of late has been so stormy that the fishermen have been hampered in their operations. Herring are to be found in large quantities in the Humber and Middle Arms, but in North Arm there is just a sign. A large number of vessels at North and Middle Arms are awaiting frozen cargoes, and if the present soft weather continues they will be some time before they get loaded. Some nets during the week have averaged twenty barrels per day, and if the present state of the fishery continues all the vessels now in the bay will have no trouble to secure full fares.

Since the first of the month the following vessels have arrived: Essex, Kentucky, Maxine Elliott, Ingomar, Dictator, Senator Gardner, Dauntless, Independence II., Monitor, J. J. Flaherty, Tatler, Ralph L. Hall, Faustina, Elizabeth N., Parthia, Cavalier and Lila D. Young. Four vessels have sailed with full cargoes, viz: Golden Rod, Judique, M. B. Stetson and Valkyrie. Most of the vessels are now fishing in the outside arms, and it is earnestly hoped that favorable weather may attend them, and that they may all get away before the arms freeze over.

CAPT. CHARLES MACDONALD.

One of Gloucester's Famous Mackerel Catchers in "Hooking" Period

Father of the Newly Elected Mayor, Geo. E. MacDonald.



The local correspondent of the Boston Globe in his Sunday letter has the following interesting items relative to the golden days of the mackerel fleet and the part which Capt. Charles MacDonald and others of the master mariners of this city took in this important industry:

The election of George E. MacDonald as mayor recalls to many men of middle age the exploits of his father, Capt. Charles MacDonald, known to the fishermen along the coast a generation or more ago as Charlie Mack, together with his contemporaries.

These men flourished in what may be considered the golden age of this city's prosperity, the period between 1860 and 1880, when the annual catch of the mackerel fleet, which was the cornerstone of the city's prosperity, averaged about 200,000 barrels.

These were in the old days of hooking when the mackerel fleet comprised some 600 vessels and brought a prosperity to this city which was evidenced by the merry music of the cooper's adze from every wharf in town along the circuit from Rocky Neck to Fort point. Not alone Gloucester, but all the New England fishing ports enjoyed the substantial reward which was the result of the North bay mackerel fishery.

Charlie Mack, as he was called, was the admiral, so to speak, of the fleet, which in the hooking days fished together in a bunch. He enjoyed a reputation in his day as a killer similar to that which Capt. Solomon Jacobs holds as king of the seining fleet.

He holds the record for the largest fare of mackerel from this port to the North bay and return—that of 356 barrels of mackerel taken on the line. He left this port July 3, 1867, in the schooner Annie Friend, and returned Aug. 20 with the above stated fare of mackerel caught on Bradville bank. It was a surprising feat, and many would not credit that his crew had actually caught the fish, but had bought them. Some of the other owners advised him to enter them at the custom house as a foreign production, as having been bought, and one asked what they had cost him.

"They cost me just 60 barrels of bait," was the reply, for in those days porgie bait was thrown to toll the fish. A peculiar thing in connection with this feat was that the owner of the vessel, just before his departure, called Capt. MacDonald one side and said: "Charles, August 20 I have a big note coming due. If it isn't met some way I shall be embarrassed." This big fare was landed on the day the note became due and the note was paid on time.

Of course, he had his pick of the crews. In those headline days all hove separate. Among the very cream of the fishermen of the fleet who went with Capt. MacDonald were Michael Keefe, the well-known outfitter, one of the few survivors of that era; Daniel Fletcher, Mitchell Proctor of Essex, and others. On the big trip referred to, Capt. MacDonald and Mr. Keefe hove together and stocked \$214 as their share.

Capt. MacDonald was hard pressed by other skippers of repute. These men came upon the scene just as the native born skippers like Capt. Sylvanus Smith, Capt. Joseph Rowe, Capt. Andrew Leighton and others had accumulated a competence and had withdrawn from the sea to found a firm and direct on land the operations of a fleet.

The men who took their place were largely recruited from the Straits of Canso and the Nova Scotia coast.

Among these masters who made name and money for themselves and their firms in those days were Capt. John McMillan of the sch. Ella Osborne, who was lost in the Saratoga; Artemus Cameron, Joseph Carter, who was lost off Malpeque; Edward Cash, Albion K. Pearce, Peter Sinclair, George Smith, Daniel Hillier, whose vessel was the Julia Parsons; George Thurston, William Crouse, James Cushing, Hiram Spoford, and Michael Murray, a native of Ireland, who died recently; Sol Frellick, James Pattillo, John Healey, William Forbes, John, William H. and Samuel Collins, the former a relentless foe of the purse seine; James Doherty, William Harty, Eliphalet Wharf, Henry Hardy, Aaron Riggs, recently deceased; Andrew Hammond, Robert Allen, Sydney and Henry Smith.

Among the Rockport masters of the old hooking fleet of prominence were John Thompson, Benjamin Andrews, George Lowe of the Vandalia, Manly Grimes, who was lost in 1865 coming from Newfoundland, Lemuel Nightingale, Benjamin Tarr, George Miner, Paul and John Coupley. Capt. Charles Lunt of Newburyport was one of the leaders of the fleet of that period, besides many from Cape Cod, including the Cahoons.

The greater part of the crews, like the masters, came from Nova Scotia, mainly from the Straits of Canso, including the Peoples, Welch, Somers, Langleys, all from the straits. They were stalwart men and great fishermen.

Many of these men made money, Capt. MacDonald being worth at one time \$50,000, and the greater part in course of time owned the vessels in which they sailed. Capt. MacDonald's vessels were the Bridget Ann, Charles Sayward, Shooting Star, Ellen Forester, Barbara Freitchie and Annie Friend, besides others. Every fisherman along the Atlantic coast knew him. It was the custom for the fleet to run into port at times to find from some of the shore fishermen the locality of mackerel.

On one occasion one of the fleet ran into the Acadian French settlement of Harbor Le Bear. "No Charlie Mack, no gannet, no mackerel," was the response of the habitant to the inquiry as to the whereabouts of the fish. Only a fisherman can appreciate the humor of the reply. Flocks of gannets hovering over the water are the infallible indication of the presence of the fish, yet the Frenchman placed the presence of Capt. MacDonald as indicating mackerel as of more value than the gannets.

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